

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A restaurant billfold comprising:

front and back panels connected together along respective first edges by a flexible spine, said panels each including an outer surface and an inner surface;

5 a illuminating signaling beacon disposed on the outer surface of the front panel, said illuminating signaling beacon comprising:

10 a bracket mounted to the outer surface of the front panel, said bracket having a body portion with a window centrally disposed therein, and further comprising posts depending from the body portion and extending through said front panel;

an illumination source adjacent the bracket and visible through said window;

a circuit board in cooperative relationship with the illumination source, said circuit board controlling an actuation of the illumination source;

15 a power supply in electrical communication with the circuit board for powering the circuit board and the illumination source; and

a back plate mounted on the inner surface of the front panel, said back plate cooperating with the legs on the bracket to sandwich the front panel between the bracket and the back panel in a fixed relationship.

2. The restaurant billfold of Claim 1 further comprising:

a pressure sensitive switch for actuating said illumination source, said switch engaging and disengaging said power supply with said illumination source based upon manual pressure applied to the illumination source.

- 5 3. The restaurant billfold of Claim 2 further comprising:

an insulating clip disposed between the power source and the back plate.

4. The restaurant billfold of Claim 2 wherein the posts of said bracket include threaded channels for receiving a fastener therein, and the signaling beacon further comprises a threaded fastener for each post coupling the back plate to the
10 bracket.

5. The restaurant billfold of Claim 2 wherein the circuit board and illumination source include notches for receiving the posts of the bracket therein.

6. The restaurant billfold of Claim 2 wherein the illumination source is an LED mounted on a face plate, said LED projecting into the window of the bracket.

- 15 7. The restaurant billfold of Claim 6 wherein the face plate includes a slot sized to receive a tab on the circuit board to interlock the circuit board to the LED.

8. A restaurant billfold comprising:

front and back panels connected together along respective first edges by a flexible spine, said panels each including an outer surface and an inner surface;

a illuminating signaling beacon disposed on the outer surface of the front panel, said illuminating signaling beacon comprising:

5 an ovular bracket mounted to the outer surface of the front panel, said bracket having a body portion with an oval window centrally disposed therein, and further comprising a pair of posts depending from opposite ends of the body portion for passing through said front panel so as to extend through to the inner surface of the front panel;

10 an ovular light emitting diode (LED) adjacent the bracket and visible through said oval window;

a circuit board including a microchip, adjacent the LED, said circuit board controlling an actuation of the LED;

15 a three volt power supply in electrical communication with the circuit board for powering the LED; and

a back plate mounted on the inner surface of the front panel, said back plate cooperating with the posts on the bracket to sandwich the front panel between the bracket and the back panel in a fixed relationship.

9. The restaurant billfold of Claim 8 wherein the illuminating signaling
20 beacon further comprises a pressure sensitive switch to actuate the LED.